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Term: Predicate

Quote: An ordinary Proposition ingeniously contrives to convey novel information through Signs whose significance depends entirely on the interpreter's familiarity with them; and this it does by means of a "Predicate," i.e., a term explicitly indefinite in breadth, and defining its breadth by means of "Subjects," or terms whose breadths are somewhat definite, but whose informative depth (*i.e.*, all the depth except an essential superficiality) is indefinite, while conversely the depth of the Subjects is in a measure defined by the Predicate. A Predicate is either non-relative, or a *monad*, that is, is explicitly indefinite in one extensive respect, as is "black"; or it is a dyadic relative, or dyad, such as "kills," or it is a polyadic relative, such as "gives."

Source: Peirce, C. S. (1906). Prolegomena to an Apology for Pragmaticism. *The Monist*, 16, 492-546.

References: CP 6.543

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